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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 1, 1966

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: MARK LANE
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the June 16, 1966, memorandum from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan in captioned matter. It was pointed out therein that Lane is author of a book on the Kennedy assassination entitled "Rush to Judgment," which is being published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. It was approved by the Director that Frank Close of the book firm be confidentially briefed on background of Lane [redacted]

For record purposes, on June 24, 1966, SAC Donald E. Roney of the New York Office and Supervisor Ed Grivalus of the New York Office talked with Close [redacted] When Mr. Roney first called to make an appointment on the matter, Close said he preferred to come to the New York Office, which he did. He was highly complimentary of the Bureau, the Director and Mr. DeLoach. [redacted] He said [redacted] indicates that Lane is the type of man whose veracity is always subject to question. He said he is looking ahead to a stormy period for Holt, Rinehart and Winston because of possible critical attacks on Lane's book. He said it was virtually impossible to withdraw publishing because they have a firm contract to publish. He said also that pre-publication advertising material is being currently distributed and all he could do now was to try to soften the impact by not pushing the book. Mr. Close told our Agents he intended to brief the President of his firm and his immediate superior, Mr. William Tribe, Secretary and Legal Advisor of his company, [redacted]

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He again wanted his best regards and thanks given to Mr. Hoover for the latter's thoughtfulness in having him briefed on this matter. He said he wished fervently he had checked with the Director or us before embarking on this venture with such a disreputable man as Lane.

RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes.